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SUBJECT: ANTI-HIJACKING CONTACT GROUP

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1. POLCOUNS, CANADIAN FIRST SECRETARY AND FRG POLCOUNS CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MARIANO TIRADO, CHIEF OF TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ON MAY 10 TO MAKE APPROACH REQUESTED IN REF. APPROACH WAS NOT MADE EARLIER BECAUSE CANADIAN AND GERMAN EMBASSY DID NOT RECEIVE THEIR INSTRUCTIONS UNTIL MUCH LATER THAN THIS EMBASSY, AND BECAUSE AMBASSADOR TIRADO, THE APPROPRIATE CONTACT ON THE SUBJECT, HAS BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP WHICH WERE SUPPOSED TO APPROACH VENEZUELA (COSTA RICA, AUSTRIA AND ITALY) HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS.

2. AMBASSADOR TIRADO SAID THAT ALL THREE CONVENTIONS ARE BEING PREPARED BY THE VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR RATIFICATION AND WILL BE SENT TO THE VENEZUELAN CONGRESS
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"SOON". TIRADO BELIEVES CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL WILL BE SWIFT AND THAT RATIFICATION PROCESS WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT "TWO MONTHS." HE ADDED THAT VENEZUELA PLAYED A ROLE IN DRAFTING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/8, AND THEREFORE HAS AN INTEREST IN PROMPT RATIFICATION.

3. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES NO DIFFICULTIES WITH RATIFICATION

OF THE THREE CONVENTIONS. NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN THE SLIPPAGE
WITHIN THE GOV, EMBASSY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE
RATIFICATION TAKE PLACE CLOSER TO SEPTEMBER BUT BEFORE
NOVEMBER CONGRESSIONAL RECESS.
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